

REMARKS

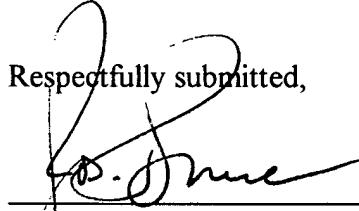
Applicants' undersigned representative thanks Examiner Epps-Ford for the preliminary indication that the claims appear to be in condition for allowance pending correction of a typographical error in the previously submitted Rule 131 Declaration of the inventors. Specifically, in the prior Declaration, paragraph 4 made reference to "Exhibits B-X" when there were only three Exhibits, A, B, and C. Applicants respectfully request that the newly-executed Rule 131 Declaration attached hereto be entered into the case. The attached Declaration is identical to the earlier-submitted Declaration, with the exception that paragraph 4 now makes proper reference to "Exhibits A-C."

Applicants also submit herewith a complete listing of the pending claims, Claims 27, 28, and 31-40.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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